

# JANUARY HISTORIC EVENTS QUIZ



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1> What ill-famed disaster occurred off the coast of central Florida killing seven people on January 28, 1986?

- a. American Airlines DC-10 crashed
- b. Ocean Oil Operation exploded
- c. French freighter Grandcamp exploded
- d. Space Shuttle Challenger exploded

2> The popular narrative poem "The Raven" was first published in January of 1845. Who is its author?

- a. Thomas Godfrey
- b. Edgar Allan Poe
- c. William Wordsworth
- d. Ann Taylor

3> After failing to take Germany by a coup in 1923, who became chancellor of Germany on January 30th, 1933?

- a. Adolf Hitler
- b. Joseph Goebbels
- c. Rudolf Hess
- d. Kurt von Schleicher

4> The first Emmy Awards were presented on January 25th at the Hollywood Athletic Club. In what year?

- a. 1969
- b. 1959
- c. 1949
- d. 1939

5> In January of 1848, what was discovered by James W. Marshall in California?

- a. Natives
- b. Black Beard's Buried Treasure
- c. Silver
- d. Gold

6> Observed on the third Monday of January each year, in what year did the very first Martin Luther King Jr. Day take place?

- a. 1976
- b. 1996
- c. 1990
- d. 1986

7> On January 15th 1559, the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn was crowned at Westminster Abbey in London. What was her name?

- a. Queen Victoria I
- b. Queen Mary I
- c. Queen Elizabeth II
- d. Queen Elizabeth I

8> Which annual sports championship game or series was first played on January 15, 1967?

- a. Stanley Cup Finals - Hockey
- b. World Series - Baseball
- c. Super Bowl Game - Football
- d. U.S. Open - Golf

9> The forty-seventh state to enter the union did so on January 6th of 1912. Which one?

- a. Alaska
- b. Oklahoma
- c. New Mexico
- d. Arizona

10> U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans effectively ending the War of 1812 on January 8th, 1814. What soon-to-be US president led these forces?

- a. John Quincy Adams
- b. Martin Van Buren
- c. James Monroe
- d. Andrew Jackson

11> The first US presidential election ended on January 10th, 1789 resulting in George Washington being the first president of the United States. Who was his vice-president?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. Alexander Hamilton
- c. James Wilkinson
- d. John Adams

12> The largest heist in the history of the United States at the time, what company's building was successfully robbed of \$1.2 million in cash and about \$1.5 million in other securities (checks, bonds, money orders, etc.) in January of 1950?

- a. Dunbar Inc.
- b. Loomis Fargo
- c. Brink's Inc.
- d. Bank of America

13> The first Boy Scout troop was organized in England in January of 1908. Who was responsible for their formation?

- a. Ernest Thompson Seton
- b. Rudyard Kipling
- c. Frederick Russell Burnham
- d. Robert Baden-Powell

14> Thomas Edison received a patent for which of his "inventions" on January 27, 1880?

- a. Electric Incandescent Lamp
- b. Cement
- c. Motion Picture Camera
- d. Phonograph

15> On January 1st 1959, who appropriated power in Cuba after leading a revolution that drove out Dictator Fulgencio Batista?

- a. Hugo Chavez
- b. Nelson Mandela
- c. Che Guevara
- d. Fidel Castro

## Answers:

- 1> Space Shuttle Challenger exploded - It is believed that many of the crewmembers survived the initial breakup of the spacecraft, but died when the crew compartment hit the ocean's surface.
- 2> Edgar Allan Poe - According to Poe, the poem was inspired by the talking raven in the Charles Dickens' novel 'Barnaby Rudge - A Tale of the Riots of Eighty'.
- 3> Adolf Hitler - Immediately after his appointment, Hitler organized a rapid expansion of the state police and a new security force consisting entirely of Nazis devoted to crushing out whatever opposition to his party might face.
- 4> 1949 - Designed by Louis McManus, the Emmy statuette renders a winged woman holding an atom.
- 5> Gold - Just a small settlement of approximately 200 inhabitants, San Francisco became a boomtown of about 36,000 by 1852.
- 6> 1986 - It was officially honored in all 50 states for the first time in the year 2000.
- 7> Queen Elizabeth I - She was twenty-five years old at the time.
- 8> Super Bowl Game - Football - The Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers share the record for the most Superbowl appearances at eight (2013).
- 9> New Mexico - Hawaii was the last state to enter statehood in 1959.
- 10> Andrew Jackson - General Jackson also led the battle that defeated the Creek Indians at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.
- 11> John Adams - John went on to become the second president of the United States in 1797.
- 12> Brink's Inc. - All eleven members of the gang responsible for the robbery were eventually caught. About \$58,000 of the \$2.7 million was recovered.
- 13> Robert Baden-Powell - Baden-Powell was a lieutenant general in the British Army.
- 14> Electric Incandescent Lamp - Despite popular belief, Thomas Edison did not invent the light bulb. Rather, he simply improved upon an existing 50-year-old idea.
- 15> Fidel Castro - Castro then installed a Communist dictatorship.